



THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF LITTLEBOROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the

YEAR 1965

Medical Officer of Health

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URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLEBOROUGH

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for the year ended 31st December 1965.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Littleborough Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my third Annual Report on the Health and Mortality of your District for the year 1965.

POPULATION

The estimated population (as supplied by the County Council) of the District is 10,810 as compared with 10,800 for last year.

AREA

The District extends over an area of 7,855 acres, and is situated on the borders of Lancashire and Yorkshire at a height ranging from about 440 to 1,550 feet above sea level.

The climate is somewhat damp but bracing.

The chief industries include the manufacture of cotton and woollen goods and synthetic fibres, leather tanning, iron turning and founding, oil and fat refining, dyeing and finishing, making of bread and confectionary, glue manufacture and fibre glass products.

VITAL STATISTICS

The number of deaths in the district in 1965 was 165, 75 males and 90 females, which is equivalent to a death rate of 15.1 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

The number of births was 213, 106 males and 107 females, which is equivalent to a birth rate of 19.1.

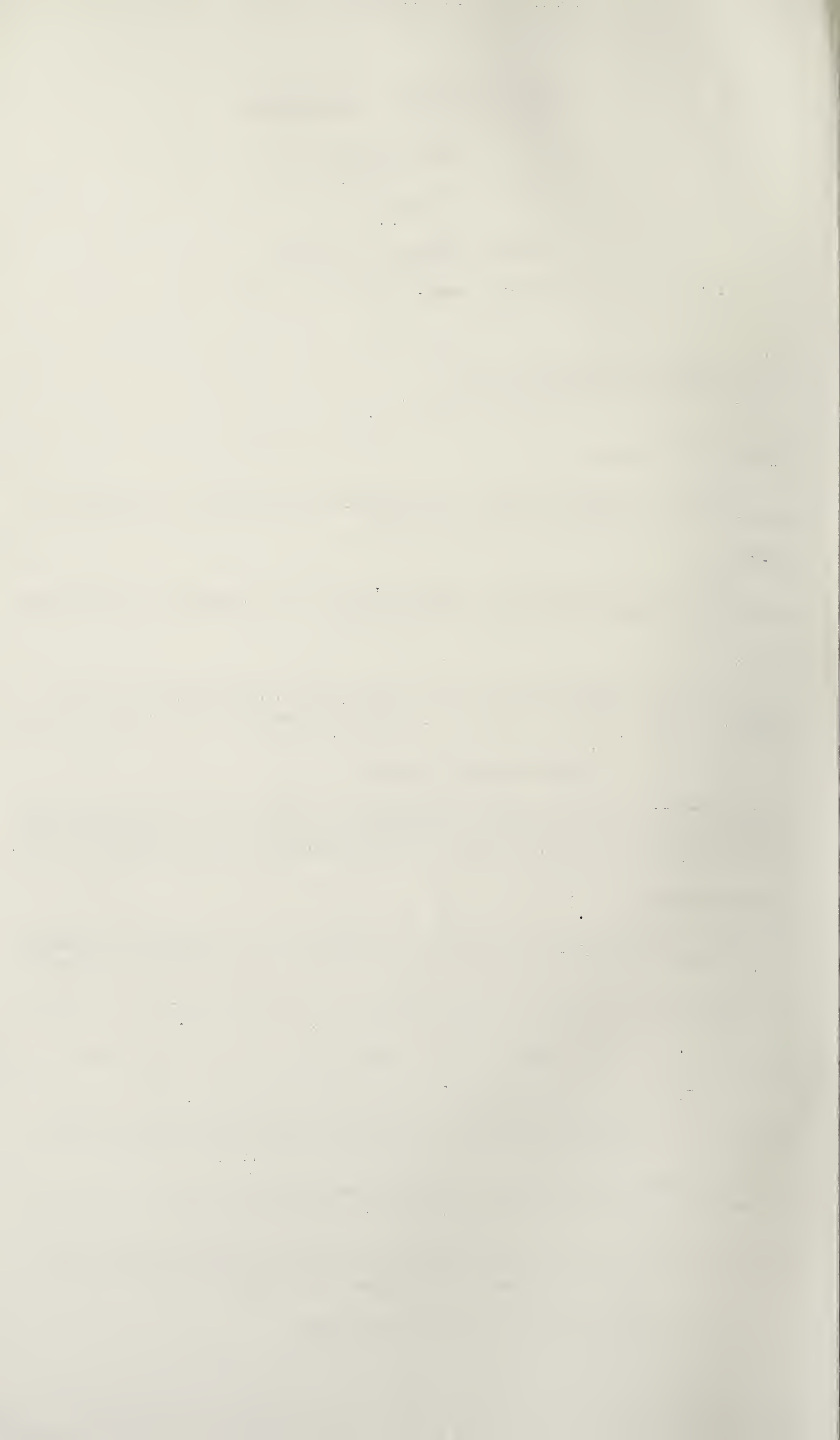
There were 2 still-births, 2 males, giving a rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births of 9.3.

The births exceeded the deaths by 35, and the birth rate exceeded the death rate by 4.3. The mean birth rate for the past five years was 3.79 above the mean death rate.

For 1964 the birth rate was 18.5 and the death rate 14.2 and the averages for the past five years were:- Birth rate 18.02 and death rate 14.31.

From these figures it will be seen that the birth rate is 0.6 above the previous year and 1.08 above the average for the past five years, and the death rate 0.9 above the previous year and 0.79 above the average.

For further particulars see tables in the Report.



INFANT DEATHS

There have been 5 deaths under one year of age, 4 males and 1 female, which is equivalent to a rate of 25 per 1,000 live births, and 5 deaths and a rate of 25 for 1964.

From these figures it will be seen that the rate is 7.6 below the previous year and 5.04 below the average.

There have been 3 deaths under 4 weeks of age - 2 males and 1 female, which is equivalent to a death rate of 15.0 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 3 deaths and a rate of 15.0 for 1964.

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

1.

CANCER DEATHS

18.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Nil.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	<u>1965.</u>	<u>1964.</u>
Tuberculosis.	1	3
Scarlet Fever.	-	-
Diphtheria.	-	-
Erysipelas.	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	-	-
Para Typhoid Fever.	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	1
Acute Pneumonia. (primary & influenzal).	-	-
Acute Encephalitis.	-	-
Meningococcal Infection.	-	-
Small-pox.	-	-
Measles.	4	7
Whooping Cough.	-	-
Food Poisoning.	-	-
Dysentery.	-	-

One point again worthy of comment is the fact that 1965 was the nineteenth year in succession in which no cases of Diphtheria were notified. Such a long spell without the occurrence of a case is sufficient evidence of the value of Diphtheria immunisation. In order to maintain this record, it is essential that parents should continue to have their children immunised. It is also again pleasing to report that no cases of Scarlet Fever were notified during 1964, for the eighth year in succession.

MEASLES

4 cases occurred, all of which were treated at home. There were no deaths.

TUBERCULOSIS

There was 1 death from respiratory Tuberculosis during the year.

There were 5 new additions to the register, (1 new case and 4 "transfers" from other Districts). The occupations of the new additions were - Painter and Decorator 1, Housewives 3, and one unknown.

The Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations 1952 no longer require a Medical Officer of Health to keep a register of Tuberculosis notifications, but the Ministry of Health urges that registers should continue to be kept. A register is therefore maintained of all cases notified and statements forwarded to the County Medical Officer of Health of all admissions to and removals from the register.

The number of Tuberculosis persons in the district at the beginning of the year was 68, 56 respiratory and 12 non-respiratory. 5 cases were added to the register, all being respiratory, 4 respiratory cases and 1 non-respiratory case were removed from the register, leaving a total of 68 cases, 56 respiratory and 12 non-respiratory at the end of the year. Of the 5 cases removed from the register, two recovered, one was transferred, one died from respiratory tuberculosis, and one died from other causes.

The body of the report contains details of the work of the department during the year and the report of the Senior Public Health Inspector sets out details of the sanitary circumstances of the district.

My thanks are due to the staff of the Department for their good work throughout the year.


I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours obediently,

A. NELSON PICKLES.

Medical Officer of Health.



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VITAL STATISTICS

	Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births. Legitimate.	196	97	99	Birth-Rate per 1,000 estimated population mid-1965 = 19.1
Illegitimate.	17	9	8	
	213	106	107	Illegitimate live-births (per cent of total live births) = 7.9%.
Stillbirths. Legitimate.	2	2	-	Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths = 9.3
Illegitimate.	-	-	-	
Total live and stillbirths.	215	108	107	
Deaths.	165	75	90	Death rate per 1,000 estimated population = 15.1
				Crude 15.1
				Adjusted 16.1

INFANT MORTALITY

	Total.	M.	F.
Legitimate. 	4	3	1
Illegitimate.	1	1	-
	5	4	1

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Death-rate of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births - 23.47.

 Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births - 25.5.

 Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births - 58.8.

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under four weeks of age. 3.

Rate per 1,000 live births. 14.0

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under one week of age 3

Rate per 1,000 live births. 14.0

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

Mortality rate (still-births and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still-births.) 23.2

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Deaths from pregnancy, childbirth and abortion. Nil.

Mortality rate per 1,000 total live and still-births. Nil.

POPULATION: 10,810

	Per 1,000 of estimated population				Maternal mortality rate	
	Live birth-rate.	Crude death-rate.	Death-rate from Tuberculosis of respiratory system.	Death-rate from Cancer.	Per 1,000 total (live and still)births.	Rate of deaths under one year per 1,000 live births.
Mean of 5 years (1960-64).	18.02	14.31	0.016	2.08	Nil.	28.7
Year 1965.	* 19.1	ø 15.1	1	1.66	Nil.	23.47
Year 1964.	18.5	14.2	Nil.	2.31	Nil.	25.0
Increase or decrease in 1965 on 5 year's average.	+ 0.6		- 0.16	- 0.42	Nil.	- 5.23
Previous year.	+ 0.74	+ 0.08	- 0.02	+ 0.12	Nil.	- 5.04

* Adjusted live birth-rate (comparability factor 1.07) = 20.4 per 1,000.
ø Adjusted death-rate (comparability factor 1.07) = 16.1 per 1,000.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1965

CAUSES OF DEATH	Males	Females
All causes	75	90
1. Tuberculosis of respiratory system.	1	-
2. Other forms of Tuberculosis.	-	-
3. Syphilitic Diseases.	1	-
4. Diphtheria.	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infection.	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-
8. Measles.	-	-
9. Other infective and Parasitic Diseases.	2	-
10 - 15. All forms of Cancer.	9	9
16. Diabetes.	1	-
17. Vascular Lesions of nervous system.	9	19
18 - 20. Heart Disease.	31	37
21. Other Diseases of Circulatory system.	1	2
22. Influenza.	-	-
23. Pneumonia.	4	7
24. Bronchitis.	6	2
25. Other respiratory diseases.	1	-
26. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum.	-	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea.	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis.	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	-	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations.	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	6	6
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents.	3	-
34. All other accidents.	-	7
35. Suicide.	-	1
36. Homicide and Operations of War.	-	-

LITTLEBOROUGH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT

for the year 1965

To the Medical Officer of Health of the
Littleborough Urban District Council.

Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting my second Annual Report for the year 1965, in accordance with Article 25 of the Public Health Officers Regulations 1959. Comment is made on several aspects of the work but other details, statistics etc., have been included in your report to the County Medical Officer of Health, a copy of which is attached to this report.

A summary sheet is also attached showing details of the visits and inspections made during the year.

HOUSING

No new houses were built primarily to rehouse tenants of existing unfit houses, but the building of 32 Old People's Dwellings and one two bedroom Warden's flat at Ealees was completed.

During the year the Council accepted the tenders for the erection of 12 two bedroom flats and 14 one bedroom flats also at Ealees.

The Council have also sought the approval of the Minister of Housing and Local Government and the Lancashire County Planning Authority for the erection of 80 dwellings, (36 two bedroom bungalows, 22 two bedroom houses, 16 three bedroom houses, 4 four bedroom houses, and 2 two bedroom flats plus two shops).

Clearance Areas at Durn Lea and Orron Street involving 15 dwellings were accepted by the Council and have been forwarded to the Minister of Housing and Local Government for confirmation. Clearance Area procedure is progressing in further areas.

Informal discussions with the owners concerned resulted in the demolition of 22 dwelling houses (back to back types).

REFUSE COLLECTION AND TRADE WASTE DISPOSAL

The Council scheme for renewal of defective dustbins continues to function satisfactorily and the number renewed or supplied was 316.

During the year sixty five (65) bins were supplied to new houses built in the district.

The collection of domestic refuse was being carried out in an unsatisfactory manner during the first part of the year; a weekly collection service was not being provided and complaints were not unusual.

With the Health Committee's permission I discussed a collection scheme with Union representatives and subsequently a scheme was put into operation. A weekly collection service is now being operated and the collection staff appreciate finishing work earlier after completing a set "stint".

The collection of waste paper, etc., from shops continues at a rate of 25/- per premises, per annum. For the amount of time involved in collection, quantity collected, and the cost of disposal, the standard charge of twenty five shillings is exceedingly good value for money to the shopkeepers concerned.

In previous years industrialists and trade waste producers in Littleborough were able to take waste material to the Cleansing Department at Rochdale, but as Rochdale could no longer accept material from outside their district certain provision had to be made for the acceptance of trade waste on the Council's tip at Hollingworth.

It was decided during September 1965 to accept trade waste on the Council's tip at the rate of 20/- per load and an investigation be made into the availability of sites for a new tip when the present tip is exhausted.

Between September 27th, 1965, and 31st December, 1965, thirty one (31) loads at 20/- per load were deposited on the Council's tip. An official receipt is always given for the fee tendered.

WATER SUPPLY

The district is supplied in most parts by the Rochdale Corporation Water Works and the number of dwellings connected to the mains is 3,792.

Samples of water taken from the above supply have been from a bacteriological point of view satisfactory but its appearance continues to leave much to be desired. Continued discussions with the Water Works Engineer have resulted in mains flushing and have brought some relief. The long term solution however appears to require the carrying out of major works by the water undertakers.

The appearance of the Corporation supply does not encourage the residents supplied from private sources to connect to public mains and in the case of the Eales area where they were required compulsorily to connect to a mains supply the appearance of the water is rather embarrassing for the public tend to recall the clear spring water and forget its bacteriological impurity.

The number of houses receiving untreated water from private sources continues to be a matter of concern. The only practicable safeguard in the cases where mains connections are impossible appears to be to persuade the owners to provide pumps and filters to treat the water.

In future private water supply sampling attention will have to be given to the chemical aspect also for it is likely that Ph values will be low and as well as pumps and filters to combat bacteriological impurities the water may well require to be passed through treatment tanks to avoid the accumulation effects of acid waters.

CLOSET CONVERSIONS

The Council's policy of encouraging the conversion of obsolete closets to the water carriage system was continued during the year and in order to further this policy, particularly where pail closets are used in common, the Council continued the payment of grants up to a maximum of £10 for each unit of accommodation.

It would appear however that the owners who were anxious to convert have already acted and that the owners of the remaining closets contend that the cost of conversion is beyond their means.

Under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936, the Council could require the owners to carry out the necessary work but would only be able to recover up to half the cost incurred. It would therefore be financially advantageous for the owners of the anachronous closets to await the Council taking formal action, for half the cost of conversion is usually a considerable sum in excess of £10.

An alternative would be to view the situation in the same fashion that closet improvement is viewed under Standard Grant procedure.

For Standard Grant purposes closet conversion attracts a grant of up to £40 and if the same amount of grant was available for conversion alone then probably far more owners would consider conversion.

During 1965 four (4) pail closets and two (2) waste water closets were converted to the fresh water carriage system. There remains a total in excess of 200 pail closets and 100 waste water closets to be converted.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Slaughtering is carried out at two slaughterhouses in the district. Both are conducted by wholesale butchers and result in slaughtering in excess of the normal requirements of the district and involve the inspection of meat outside what are normally regarded as office hours, and at weekends.

During the year 1,395 Bulls, Bullocks and Heifers, 1,308 Cows, 24 Calves, 8,199 Sheep and Lambs and 803 Pigs were killed and inspected. One pig was affected with Tuberculosis and the percentage of these affected with other diseases or conditions requiring condemnation of some part or organ were 21.5, 40.9, nil, 13.5 and .24 respectively.

The total weight of meat condemned during the year was 6 tons, 18 cwt, 3 quarters, 26 lbs.

OTHER FOODS

The consigning to Littleborough of several tons of canned hams and pork loins for reprocessing caused a considerable amount of work to the Department and the seizure of the consignment brought about the only satisfactory solution to the problem.

185 tins of Meats, Fruit and Vegetables weighing 3,257 lbs. were also condemned as unfit for human consumption and were disposed of.

SALVAGE

During the year, this work has been continued and the following has been collected and disposed of.

	T.	C.	Q.	Value.
Paper.	17	15	-	£133. 2. 6.
Tins.	6	18	3	13. 17. 6.
	<u>24</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>£147. 0. 0.</u>

PETROLEUM ACTS 1928/36

During the year 28 renewals of existing licences were granted under the above Acts.

STAFF

The Council's Senior Public Health Inspector, Mr. T. Kearns, passed away during March 1965 after a long illness. Mr. Kearns was a most competent officer and was held in high regard by the members of his profession.

I would like to pay tribute to the happy relationship that existed with him since I joined the staff of the Council.

During December 1965 Mr. James Barker, M.A.P.H.I. was appointed Additional Public Health Inspector. I have little doubt that by his experience and enthusiasm he will prove to be a most useful member of the Council's Staff.

In conclusion I should like to thank you for your advice, co-operation and support, also to Councillor Ogden, Chairman of the Health Committee for his support at all times, Mr. D. Howe, Transport Manager, Mr. E. Percival for his assistance in the office and to the other Departments of the Council for their co-operation during the year.

I am,

Yours obediently,

T. BRUCE.

Senior Public Health Inspector

NUMBER AND NATURE OF INSPECTIONS ETC. BY THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS

	<u>No. of inspections.</u>
Houses under Public Health Acts.	207
Reinspections.	301
Vermin and Infestations.	7
Water Supply.	47
Old Metal Dealers.	12
Schools.	-
Rent Acts.	5
Ashes Accommodation.	112
Refuse Disposal.	114
Salvage.	22
Septic Tanks.	25
Animals, Birds, etc.	8
Piggeries.	5
Rodent Control.	66
Drainage - Inspected.	41
Tested.	11
Conveniences.	57
Closets - Water.	42
Pails.	12
Ice-cream Premises.	22
Meat Shops.	23
Food Preparing Premises.	193
General Food Premises.	46
Food Inspections.	19
Shops Act.	20
Factories (with mechanical power).	87
do. (without mechanical power).	-
Slaughterhouses - Meat Inspection.	482
Offensive Trades.	16
Rag Flock Premises.	-
Disinfestation.	12
Infectious Diseases and Food Poisoning.	65
Disinfection.	-
Housing - Section 9.	-
Section 16 and 17.	22
Clearance Areas.	55
Other Visits.	-
Demolition.	29
Overcrowding.	8
Petroleum Acts.	7
Clean Air Act.	48
Smoke Observations.	24
Premises visited.	30
Miscellaneous Visits.	-
Interviews - Owners, Tradesmen, etc.	181
Samples - Food and Drugs - Formal.	-
Informal.	-
Water - Bacteriological.	17
Chemical.	2
Clean Milk - T.B. Examination.	-
Bacteriological.	-
Factory Outworkers.	-
Sewers and Street Gullies.	89
Caravan Sites.	4
Milk Distributors.	-
Licensed Premises.	12
Slaughterhouses Act, 1958.	17
National Assistance Act, 1947.	-
Licensing Act, 1961.	-
Noise Abatement Act, 1960.	26
Animal Boarding Establishments Act, 1963.	3
Legal Proceedings.	-
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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
URBAN DISTRICT OF LITTLEBOROUGH

SUMMARY embodying particulars required to be included in the
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH for the
Year 1965

1. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in acres (at 31.12.65): 7,855. Population - Census, 1961: 10,514.
Registrar General's estimate of home population, mid-1965 (if known): - 10,810.
Number of inhabited dwellings at the end of 1965 according to rate books: 4,282.
Rateable value, £297,926. Sum represented by a penny rate, £1,122.
Social conditions, including the chief industries carried on in the area: Satisfactory.
Manufacture of cotton and woollen goods, synthetic fibres, dyeing and finishing.
Leather tanning, iron turning and founding, oil and fat refining, making of bread
and confectionery, glue manufacture and fibre glass moulding.

VITAL STATISTICS

Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has received
or required comment: None.
Any causes of sickness or invalidity which have been specially noteworthy in the area
during the year: None.
Any conditions of occupation or environment which appear to have had a prejudicial
effect on health: None.

2. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Officers of the Local Authority.

- 1.(i) Medical Officer of Health. Dr. A. N. Pickles.
(ii) Qualifications and special diplomas. M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.
(iii) Is he a whole or part-time officer of the Local Authority? Part.
(iv) Any other public appointments held by him? Divisional Medical
Officer, Health Division No.13. Medical Officer of Health - Whitworth U.D.C.,
Wardle U.D.C., and Bacup M.B.
(v) Is he in private practice? No.

2. Public Health Inspector(s)

Name.	Qualifications and Special Diplomas.	Whole or part-time as P.H.I.	Other appointments with Local Authority (if any).
T. Kearns.	C.R.S.I. and S.I.E.J.B. Certificate Meat and Other Foods. R.S.I. Smoke Certificate.	Whole.	(Deceased 6.3.65.)
T. Bruce.	Certificate P.H.I.E.B. Diploma of R.S.H. Meat and Other Foods. Diploma of R.S.H. for Smoke Inspectors.	Whole.	
J. Barker.	Certificate P.H.I.E.B.	Whole.	

3. Other Public Health Officers: None.
12.

Local Legislation.

4. Alterations during year to local legislation (including bye-laws) in force in the district: None.

National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951

5. (i) No. of applications for removal made during the year under section 47: Nil.
 (ii) Number of orders made: None.
 (iii) Circumstances of each case: -.
 (iv) Comments on operation of the Section: -.

3. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Water Supply -

- (i) Statutory water undertaker. Rochdale Corporation.
- (ii) If any re-grouping during year give constitution and date of establishment of new water board. None.
- (iii) Type of supply (e.g. upland surface, deep wells, river, etc.) Upland surface.
- (iv) Give particulars of any new sources of public supply acquired during the year. None.
- (v) Extensions of water mains during the year -
 (a) to existing dwellings -.
 (b) to new dwellings 65 houses.
 (c) to other development -.
- (vi) Supplies to dwellings:
 (a) No. of dwellings newly connected to public mains supply during 1965 -
 Existing dwellings. None.
 New dwellings. 65.
 (b) Supply to all dwellings at end of year -
 From public mains:-
 Direct to dwellings - No. of dwellings - 3,792
 Est. No. of population - 9,105
 By means of standpipe -
 No. of dwellings - Nil.
 Est. No. of population - Nil.
 From private supplies, e.g., wells, springs, etc. -
 No. of dwellings - 564
 Est. No. of population - 1,410
- (vii) Has the water supply of the area and of its several parts been satisfactory during the year?
 (a) in quality: No.
 (b) in quantity: Yes.
- (viii) Samples obtained by the local authority during the year of -
 (a) the raw water Public supply
 Bacteriological examinations. 3.
 Satisfactory. 3.
 Unsatisfactory. -.
 Chemical analyses. -.
 Private supplies
 Bacteriological examinations. 14.
 Satisfactory. 6.
 Unsatisfactory. 8.
 Chemical analyses. 2.
 Satisfactory. -.
 Unsatisfactory. 2.

(b) water going into supply where treatment is installed.	Public supply.	
	Bacteriological examinations.	Nil.
	Chemical analyses.	Nil.
	Private supplies.	
	Bacteriological examinations.	Nil.
	Chemical analyses.	Nil.

(ix) Action taken by the local authority in respect of any form of contamination of -

(a) public supplies Brownish discolouration of supply particularly to upper parts of district due to iron deposits, etc. Discussions with undertakers result in flushing of mains and produce short term relief, but major works are required to permanently provide water of good appearance.

(b) private supplies Persuade and/or compel connection to mains where possible. If connection to mains impossible advise re filtration (i.e. Berkefeld filters) by pumps and filters.

(x) What action is taken in the case of new dwellings built where mains water supply is not available to ensure that the water supply is satisfactory in quality and quantity?

Provision of Berkefeld filter and electric pump.

(xi) Any liability to plumbo-solvent action?

(a) Public supplies. None.

(b) Private supplies. None.

(xii) If so, give facts as to contamination by lead and the precautions taken by the local authority or statutory water undertaker, including use of special material for pipes.

Where analyses indicates low Ph lead pipework replaced by polythene, and water passed through treatment tank.

2. Drainage and Sewerage -

(i) Give particulars of sewage disposal works and methods of treatment. Sewage Disposal Works at Lower Mill, Littleborough. Precipitation and filtration.

(ii) Give details of any new works of sewerage and sewage disposal and of any additions undertaken during the year. None.

(iii) No. of dwellings connected during the year to:-

(a) Sewerage system.	New dwellings.	65.
	Existing dwellings.	4.

(b) Septic tanks.	New dwellings.	-.
	Existing dwellings.	-.

(c) Cesspools.	New dwellings.	Nil.
	Existing dwellings.	Nil.

(iv) Areas or townships without proper sewerage system and reasons therefor. Parts of Shore, Hollingworth and low lying and outlying parts of district; distance from existing sewerage system prohibitive or below level of existing sewer.

3. Sanitary accommodation at end of 1965:-

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|--------|---|----------------|
| (i) | No. of privy middens. | Nil. |
| (ii) | No. of closets attached to these middens. | Nil. |
| (iii) | No. of pail closets. | 225 |
| (iv) | No. of dry ashpits (excluding middens). | Nil. |
| (v) | No. of movable dustbins, etc. | 4,467. |
| (vi) | No. of trough closets. | Nil. |
| (vii) | No. of waste water closets. | 122. |
| (viii) | No. of fresh water closets. | 3,908. |
| (ix) | Conversions during 1965:- | |
| | (a) No. of privy closets - To fresh w.c.'s. | Nil. |
| | | To pails, etc. |
| | | Nil. |
| | (b) No. of pail closets to fresh w.c.'s. | 4. |
| | (c) No. of trough closets to fresh w.c.'s. | Nil. |
| | (d) No. of waste w.c.'s to fresh w.c.'s. | 2. |
| | (e) No. of premises at which movable dustbins, etc.,
were substituted for fixed receptacles. | Nil. |
| (x) | No. of dwellings NOT on water carriage system. | 225. |

4. Public Cleansing:-

- (i) Renewal of movable dustbins, etc., to dwellings effected -
 - (a) out of rate fund.
- (ii) Give brief particulars of the arrangements for -
 - (a) Refuse collection. House refuse collected by 3 vehicles engaged full time (one side loader, two end loaders). Trade refuse and removal of discarded furniture removed by above refuse freighter and/or Council lorry. Nightsoil collected by mechanical night soil and gully emptier.
 - (b) Refuse disposal. House and trade refuse. - Tip situate at Hollingworth. Nightsoil emptied direct into sewer.
 - (c) Cesspool emptying. As requested by owners.

5. Total inspections made for all purposes by Public Health Inspectors during 1965

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|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (i) Premises visited. | No. of premises visited 1,870. |
| | No. of visits 2,653. |
| (ii) Defects or nuisances. | No. discovered 221. |
| | No. abated 187. |
| (iii) No. of notices served. | Informal 126. |
| | Statutory 55. |
| (iv) Legal proceedings. | No. Nil. |
| | Result -. |

6. Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963 -

	Class of premises				
	Offices	Retail Shops.	Wholesale shops, ware-houses.	Catering establish-ments open to public canteens.	Fuel storage
(i) No. of registered premises at end of year.	15	42	1	11	
(ii) No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during year.	3	19	-	1	
(iii) No. of exemptions current at end of year.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
Space (S.5.(2)).	-	-	-	-	-
Temperature (S.6).	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.9).	-	-	-	-	-
Washing facilities (S.10).	-	-	-	-	-

- (iv) No. of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises. 47.
- (v) Details of any prosecutions during year. Nil.

7. Clean Air Act, 1956:-

- (i) Were bye-laws made under Section 24 in operation at end of year? Yes.
- (ii) Smoke Control Areas -
 - (a) No. of orders submitted to Ministry during year. Nil.
 - (b) No. of orders confirmed by Ministry during year. Nil.
 - (c) Total No. of orders in force at end of year. Nil.
 - (d) No. of houses and other buildings involved in (a) Nil.
 - in (b) Nil.
 - and in (c) Nil.
 - (e) Remarks (particulars of exempted premises, if any, etc.) None.
- (iii) Any special action taken with regard to burning spoil banks, refuse tips, etc.
Trade waste deposited in disused quarry and subsequently fired. Advice given re steps necessary to abate nuisance. Nuisance abated when party responsible informed that if action not taken formal proceedings would follow.
- (iv) Particulars of any co-operative action with industry:-
 - (a) Regional. None.
 - (b) District. Liaison on improvement in equipment and techniques resulting in the installation of seven (7) new boiler plants and one incinerator, all of which were given prior approval following correspondence and discussions.
- (v) Any other special action taken with regard to atmospheric pollution.
Membership of South East Lancashire and North Cheshire Consultative Committee. Two (2) Lead Dioxide instruments in use.
- (vi) Number of legal proceedings and results. Nil.

8. Noise Abatement Act, 1960:-

- (i) No. of complaints investigated. 12.
- (ii) Details of formal action taken. No formal action necessary.

9. Swimming Baths and Pools -

- (i) Brief particulars (state whether (a) public, or (b) privately-owned but open to public): None in district.
- (ii) Source of water used for filling. -.
- (iii) Method of treatment. -.
- (iv) If continuous filtration, state turnover period. -.
- (v) No. of samples of water taken for examination.
 - (a) Bacteriological. -.
 - (b) Chemical. -.

10. Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 -

- (i) No. of rodent operatives employed - (a) Full time. Nil.
- (b) Part-time. One.

(ii) Action relating to rodent control during year -

	TYPE OF PROPERTY		
	Non-agricultural.		Agricultural.
	Dwelling-houses.	All other.	
(a) No. of properties in district.	4,355	289	78
(b) No. of properties inspected.	134	52	10
(c) No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:			
Rats - major.	Nil.	2	-
minor.	94	42	9
Mice - major.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
minor.	40	8	1
(d) No. of infested properties treated.	134	52	10
(e) No. of "Block" control schemes carried out.	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
(f) Any other action. - To enlist the aid of residents in rodent control measures, posters have been produced and affixed to the side of refuse freighters and thereby taken weekly into every street in the district.			
(iii) Particulars of other infestations under the Act (as defined in Sect. 28). Nil.			
The use of Warfarin continues to be effective against rats, but not against mice and in cases of mice infestations hard poisons have been resorted to.			

11. Disinfestation - Action taken during year:

(i) No. of dwellings found to be infested.	(a) Council dwellings. -.
(ii) No. of dwellings disinfested.	(b) Other dwellings. 4.
(iii) Methods employed for ensuring disinfestation of belongings of tenants before removal to council dwellings.	(a) Council dwellings. -.
	(b) Other dwellings. 4.
(iv) Is work of disinfestation carried out by local authority or by a contractor?	Nil. Arrangements would have to be made with a contractor for such a service for furniture and use of a nearby steam steriliser for other items. There is no evidence of infestations of this nature for over four years. Other than in (iii) by Local Authority with satisfactory results.

12. Schools:-

(i) Total No. of schools in district at end of year.	8.
(ii) Sanitary conditions of schools at end of year -	
(a) No. of schools with unsatisfactory yard surfaces.	Nil.
(b) Sanitary accommodation - No. of schools with:	
(1) Fresh water closets only.	8.
(2) Waste water closets only.	Nil.
(3) Trough closets only.	Nil.
(4) Pail closets only.	Nil.
(5) Privy closets only.	Nil.
(6) Other (state type).	Nil.
(c) Drainage - No. of schools with drainage to -	
(1) Public sewers.	8.
(2) Private treatment works.	Nil.
(d) Refuse disposal - No. of schools with -	
(1) Dustbins.	8.
(2) Dry ashpits.	Nil.
(e) Water supply - No. of schools supplied from -	
(1) Public mains.	8.
(2) Private supplies.	Nil.
(3) Distance of each school in (e) from nearest public main.	-.
(4) No. of private supplies ((e)2) considered unsatisfactory.	-.

- (f) No. of schools where facilities are considered unsatisfactory for
 (1) Washing.
 (2) Drinking.

Nil.
 Nil.

13. Offensive Trades:-

- (i) No. of premises. One. (ii) Type of offensive trades. Glue maker.
 (iii) Any special action taken. No.

14. Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961, during the year 1965.

(a) Part I of the Act:

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	6	Nil.	Nil.	Nil.
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	77	87	19	Nil.
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	-	-	-	-
Total.	83	87	19	Nil.

2. Cases in which defects were found.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned at two, three or more "cases").

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1).	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2).	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3).	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4).	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6).	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences (S.7).					
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	14	12	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	5	4	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work.)					
Total.	19	16	-	1	-

Part VIII of the Act - Outwork:

Sections 133 and 134. Nil.

15. Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951.
- (i) No. of registered premises at end of year on which rag flock or other filling materials were used in manufacture of bedding, toys, etc.

1.
- (ii) No. of licensed premises at end of year on which rag flock was -

(a) manufactured, or manufactured and stored,

Nil.

(b) stored only.

Nil.
- (iii) No. of inspections during year.

Nil.
- (iv) Samples taken during year.

Nil.

16. What are the chief sanitary requirements of the district?

Extensions of sewers to outlying parts of district.

4. HOUSING

(a) Statistics

	Houses.	Flats.
1. Number of new dwellings erected during the year:-		
(i) By the local authority.	-	33
(ii) By other local authorities.	-	-
(iii) By other bodies or persons.	32	-
2. Total No. of dwellings owned by any local authority, existing in district at end of year.	775.	
3. Inspections of dwellings during the year:-		
(i)(a) Total No. of dwellings inspected formally or informally for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).		321.
(b) No. of inspections, formal or informal, made for the purpose.		622.
(c) No. of dwellings in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.		209.
(ii) Total No. of dwellings existing at end of year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which -		
(a) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made (at any time).		15.
(b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made.		38.

4. Houses Demolished:-

In or Adjoining Clearance Areas:

	Number	Displaced during year from houses to be demolished or closed.	
		Persons.	Families.
(i) Houses unfit for human habitation.	Nil.		
(ii) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	Nil.		
(iii) Houses on land acquired under S.43(2), Housing Act, 1957.	Nil.		
Not in or Adjoining Clearance Areas:			
(iv) As a result of formal or informal procedure under S. 16 or S. 17(1), Housing Act, 1957.	22		
(v) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health.	Nil.	29	22
(vi) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts.	Nil.		
(vii) Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders.	Nil.		

5. Unfit Houses Closed:-

- (i) Under S. 16(4), S. 17(1) and S. 35(1), Housing Act, 1957, and S. 26, Housing Act, 1961.
(ii) Under S. 17(3) and S.26, Housing Act, 1957.
(iii) Parts of buildings closed under S. 18, Housing Act, 1957.

Number	Displaced during year from houses to be demolished or closed.	
	Persons.	Families.
2+	3	2
Nil.		
Nil.		

6. Unfit Houses Made Fit:-

- (i) By owner after informal action by local authority. 117.
(ii) After formal notice under S. 9 and S. 16, Housing Act, 1957 -
(a) by owner Nil.
(b) by local authority Nil.
(iii) After formal notice under Public Health Acts. 9.
(iv) After modification or revocation of a clearance order under S. 21, Housing Act, 1961. Nil.
(v) After determination of a demolition order under S. 24, Housing Act, 1957. Nil.
(vi) After determination of a closing order under S. 27, Housing Act, 1961. Nil.

7. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957):-

Position at end of year:

- (i) Retained for temporary accommodation -
(a) Under Section 48.
(b) Under S. 17(2).
(c) Under S. 46.
(ii) Licensed for temporary occupation under S. 34 or S. 53.

Number of houses. (1)	Number of separate dwellings contained in column (1) (2)
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	

8. Purchase of Houses by Agreement:-

Houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders.

Number of houses. (1)	Number of occupants of houses in Col.(1) (2)
-	-

9. Housing Act, 1949, and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 - Improvement Grants, etc.

Action during year:

- (i) Submitted by private individuals to local authority.
- (ii) Approved by local authority.
- (iii) Submitted by local authority to Ministry.
- (iv) Finally approved by Ministry.
- (v) Work completed.
- (vi) Additional separate dwellings included in (v) above.
- (vii) Any other action taken under the Acts (give brief particulars). None.

No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected in schemes of	
Private bodies or individuals.	Local Authority.
9	
6	
-	-
6	-
-	-

10. House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 and Housing Acts, 1961 and 1964 - Standard Grants:-

Action during year:

- (i) Applications submitted to local authority for improvement to (a) full standard (b) reduced standard.
- (ii) Total applications approved by local authority for improvement to (a) full standard (b) reduced standard.
- (iii) Work completed.
- (iv) Particulars of any action taken relating to compulsory improvement of dwellings. Nil.

No. of dwellings or other buildings affected.
59
Nil.
55
Nil.
51

(b) Housing Conditions

11. Approximate number of -

- (i) back-to-back houses 527.
- (ii) back-to-earth houses 45.
- (iii) other houses without through ventilation. Nil.

12. Movable dwellings and camping sites (other than H. M. Forces) -

- (i) No. of sites in the area which were used for camping purposes during 1965. 2.
- (ii) No. of licences in force at end of 1965 issued under section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936, in respect of -
 - (a) Sites Nil.
 - (b) Individual movable dwellings Nil.
- (iii) Estimated maximum number of campers resident in the area at one time during the summer season, 1965. 60.
- (iv) No. of caravans permanently occupied. 27.
- (v) Any action under Part IV of Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951. Nil.
- (vi) No. of site licences issued under Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, and in operation at end of year. 2.
- (vii) No. of caravans concerned in (vi) above. 27.
- (viii) Has Council adopted Model Standards issued by Ministry of Housing and Local Government for sites in respect of -
 - (a) Permanent residential caravan sites? Yes.
 - (b) Holiday caravan sites? -.
- (ix) Any other special action taken by local authority with regard to tents, vans, sheds, etc. Nil.

13. Common Lodging-houses -

No. on register. Nil.

14. Underground Rooms -

- (i) No. Nil.
(ii) Are any regulations in force? -

15. Canal Boats -

- (i) Number inspected Nil.
(ii) Number of infringements of Acts. Nil.

16. Sufficiency of supply of houses:-

- (i) Give some indication of extent of any shortage.

Approximately 70 houses required to rehouse tenants of unfit houses - a third of these to be of the bungalow or flatlet type of house to house persons at present living alone.

- (ii) Particulars of any local authority housing scheme -

- (a) in hand at end of year. None.
(b) contemplated. 59 flats, 82 houses, 2 shops with living accommodation.

- (iii) Any special difficulties in the way of providing suitable sites for new houses. No.

17. Fitness of houses:-

- (i) No. of houses which have not a satisfactory internal water supply. 95.
(ii) No. of houses which have no separate closet accommodation. 503.

5. INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply - action taken with regard to the administration of the Milk and Dairies Acts and Regulations.

1. The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963-5. (Food and Drugs Authorities only). Not applicable.
2. Action taken by local authority in relation to samples taken in the district (All authorities):- Nil.
3. Brucella abortus - action taken in respect of positive samples. Nil.
4. Action taken under Regulation 19 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959. Nil.
5. Action taken under Regulation 20 of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 (other than that at (3) above). Nil.
6. Action taken under Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925. Nil.

M and other foods (excluding adulteration) -

6. Details of any legal proceedings taken with regard to the preparation, storage handling or sale of food. Nil.

7. Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963 -

- (i) No. of egg pasteurisation plants in district at end of year. Nil.
(ii) No. of samples of liquid egg submitted to Alpha-Amylase test and their results. Nil.

8. (i) Is a public abattoir in use in the district? No.

- (ii) Total No. of private slaughterhouses licensed by local authority at end of year. 2.

- (iii) No. of private slaughterhouses licensed by local authority at end of year for slaughter of horses. Nil.

(iv) Action taken with regard to:-

- (a) Ante-mortem inspection of animals. Examination of livestock in lairages prior to slaughter.

- (b) Post-mortem inspection of animals. All carcasses inspected after slaughter by qualified Meat Inspectors.

9. No. of premises used for slaughter and dressing of poultry, etc. Nil.

10. Carcasses inspected and condemned within the district:

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses.
Number killed (if known).	1,395	1,308	24	8,199	803	-
Number inspected.	1,395	1,308	24	8,199	803	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci -						
Whole carcasses condemned.	1	-	-	235	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	300	535	-	1,110	3	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	21.5	40.9	Nil.	13.53	0.24	-
Tuberculosis only -						
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	1	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	-	-	-	-	0.12	-
Cysticercosis -						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	1	2	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

11. Examination of food stocks or consignments during year -

Type of Food	Total quantity of stock or consignment examined.	Quantity condemned
Meats.	47 Tins.	197 lbs.
Fruits.	128 Tins.	2,500 lbs.
Vegetables.	10 Tins.	560 lbs.

12. By what method(s) was disposal of unsound food effected?

- (i) Carcase meat. Sale by owners to firms dealing solely with this type of commodity.
(1.) Other foods. Destruction by burning or buried on the Council's Refuse Tip.

13. No. of food premises, by type of business, in district at end of year:-

Type of business	No.
General grocers and provision dealers.	59
Greengrocers and fruiterers (including those selling wet fish, game, etc.)	6
Fishmongers (including those selling poultry, game, etc.)	-
Meat shops (butchers, purveyors of cooked and preserved meats, tripe, etc.)	13
Bakers and/or confectioners.	11
Fried fish shops	12
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream, etc.	10
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and similar catering establishments.	42
Others.	22

14. No. of food premises, by type, registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955, the Lancashire County Council Acts or other local Acts (give separately the No. of premises registered for manufacture of ice-cream) -

Type of business.	Legislation under which registration effected.	No. registered at end of year.	No. of inspections of registered premises during year.
Ice Cream Premises.	Food & Drugs Act, 1955.	54	22

15. Action taken under the Lancashire County Council Acts or other legislation relating to registration of food premises.
Registration of premises for storage and sale of ice cream and preserved foods and hawkers and their premises.

16. Action taken under the Ice-Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959 and 1963.
No premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream.

17. Adulteration, etc. (Food and Drugs Authorities only). Not applicable.

18. Have bye-laws for the handling, etc., of food been adopted? If so, give brief particulars of any action taken under these during the year.
Yes. Routine inspections and verbal and written intimation given regarding contraventions.

19. Food poisoning:
(i) Total notifications (corrected) during year as returned on quarterly Forms 118D and 118E. Nil.
(ii) Total number of additional (i.e., un-notified) cases ascertained as a result of investigations into notified cases. 5.
(iii) Total number of outbreaks (an outbreak being regarded as the whole of the cases, being more than one in number, either probably or certainly derived from a single contaminating or infecting source). 2.
(iv) Detail here, separately, particulars of each outbreak included in (iii)-

No. of cases		No. of deaths	Organism or other agent responsible	Vehicle of infection	Place where contaminated food was consumed.
Notified	Ascertained but not notified.				
-	5	Nil.	CL. Welchii and Staph. aureus.	Not positively identified but strong association with ice cream and meat pies.	Home.

(v) Observations on any points of interest arising in connection with any of the above outbreaks or any single case (in particular, please state if related to any outbreak in any other district);
Contamination likely after purchase - prolonged improper storage of foods

6. PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES

(1) CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1965
(after corrections subsequently made either by the notifying medical practitioner or by the Medical Superintendent of the Infectious Diseases Hospital)

Notifiable Diseases.	Total Cases Notified											Total Deaths.
	Total cases at all ages.	Age Periods - Years									Age Un-known.	
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25 and Over.		
Scarlet fever. Whooping cough. Acute poliomyelitis - Paralytic. - Non-paralytic. Measles (excluding rubella). Diphtheria. Dysentery. Meningococcal infection. Ophthalmia neonatorum.	4	1	1	1		1						
Acute pneumonia (prim. and infl'zal). Smallpox. Acute encephalitis - Infective. Post-Infectious. Enteric or typhoid fever. Paratyphoid fevers. Erysipelas. Food poisoning. Tuberculosis - Respiratory. Meninges and C.N.S. Other. Puerperal pyrexia. Other notifiable diseases (specify).	1	0-	5-	15-		45-	65 and over			Age unknown		

2. Review the prevalence of notifiable infectious diseases during the year, and give any noteworthy facts as to the source or spread of infection (non-notifiable acute infectious diseases should also be reported upon so far as available information enables this to be done).

A small number of cases of measles occurred during the months of January and July and one case of Sh. Sonne Dysentery in September.

3. State whether the following diseases were compulsorily notifiable in your district during 1965 by order of the District Council, and, if so, state for what period (see Table on page 25):-

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----|
| (i) Diarrhoea (under 2 years). | -. |
| (ii) Chicken-pox. | -. |
| (iii) Any others. | -. |
| (iv) Observations. | -. |

4. Disinfection after infectious diseases:-

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| (i) No. of houses disinfected during year. | One. |
| (ii) Method (state disinfectant used). | Fumiform. |
| (iii) Apparatus used for disinfecting clothing, bedding, etc. (steam or otherwise). | Hand spray. |
| (iv) Where is apparatus situated? | Council Offices, Littleborough. |

5. (i) Has any action been taken under section 172, Public Health Act, 1936? No.
- (ii) If so, No. of applications for Orders for compulsory removal to hospital. Nil.
- (iii) No. of cases in which Orders were granted. -.
- (iv) Observations. -.

Signed,

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29th June, 1966.

